INFORMATION SYSTEMS DICTIONARY – PRIMARY

ORGANIZATIONAL	INFRASTRUCTURE FUNCTION			
FUNCTION	COMMUNICATIONS (voice, data, image and video)	SOFTWARE (operating and applications)	HARDWARE DEVICES (PC, server, mainframe, peripherals, etc.)	DATA
CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE (help use and fix)	diagnose user problems coordinate solutions track and report problems user training on network access/use	diagnose user problems user questions coordinate solutions track and report problems test new features user training on specific software and reporting tools	diagnose user problems user questions equipment problems coordinate solutions track and report problems training on use of hardware disaster recovery repair and replacement	data analysis user ad-hoc reporting user support areas reports/extract information
OPERATIONS (day-to-day)	access security installation traffic control/scheduling work orders (add/change/move) back-ups/library recovery-restart version control version compatibility	installation version compatibility version control system performance security - OS & Applications	inventory management installation high volume report production high volume report distribution order processing security - Site/physical	data protection version control version compatibility data quality control back-up data base performance monitoring, tuning
CONSTRUCTION (new)	business analysis/research needs assessments business process modeling architecture design framework of communication system implementation vendor contracts/mgmt compatibility pathways/linkages	business analysis/research needs assessment business process modeling documentation architecture program development evaluate vendor software modify software interfaces vendor contracts/mgmt	business analysis/research evaluate and recommend options negotiate with vendors vendor contracts/mgmt	business analysis/research design & create modeling data documentation vendor contracts/mgmt inventory - data dictionary
PLANNING (strategic)	resource utilization disaster planning traffic volume-system performance acquisition strategy new technologies wiring standards communications software standards compatibility security cost benefit analysis	resource utilization disaster planning change control management evaluate new products new technologies compatibility security cost benefit analysis	resource utilization disaster planning new technologies acquisition planning volume/capacity plan system features-attributes configuration compatibility security cost benefit analysis performance analysis	enterprise modeling data storage change control management security compatibility disaster planning volume/capacity data base performance monitoring resource utilization cost benefit analysis

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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE (help use and fix) diagnose user problems coordinate solutions track and report problems user training on network access/use	Work over phone Identify system and problem Know usual responses Straight forward - follows script - 'canned' answers to most commonly asked questions Processes in place Basic investigation Operational assistance (e.g., helps user with passwords, keystrokes, network download, print queues, new software packages) De-/insert card in hub Simple, 'plug-in' replacements Has back-up (Sr.) staff for advice Low impact user problems Isolated incidents Focused view on specific question	On-site evaluation or lengthy phone/dial-in diagnosis Initiates emergency trouble calls to vendors Resolves most Server-to-Desktop connectivity issues. Prioritize problems Conflict resolution Reload Router Replacement - evaluate situation and determine part(s) required Configures client software, i.e. ODBC drivers, E-Mail access, protocol adapters, Fax/OCR/WP integration, host emulation software More independent - less backup Recurring or widespread problems Broader View. Considers implications of questions.	'Last Resort' - must solve all outstanding user connectivity problems Initiates software defect trouble calls to vendors Multiple jurisdictions involved High impact in terms of Number of people affected Revenue lost Major state system impact Research of problems is required No established solutions Establishes procedures used by levels 1 & 2 Trains other staff Acts independently		
OPERATIONS (day-to-day) access security installation traffic control/scheduling work orders (add/change/move) back-ups/library recovery-restart version control version compatibility	Works under guidance Access: - standard, routine processes - adds E-Mail clients Security - Processes forms Installations following instructions monitors software licenses Has/Uses Documentation Daily Traffic issues (Watch and recognize) Troubleshoots local LAN Server backup/restore - print queue management - configure local mail hub resource utilization Network, System Mgmt, and RMON software all from a single vendor	Minimal Supervision Access/Security - New or Unique changes (i.e. vendor dial-in) Does Initial Installations (includes configuration, testing, troubleshooting) Does Documentation Traffic/Volume control - Recognizes trends and finds out why Tuning according to documented instructions Version Control Troubleshoots single WAN or multiple local LANs Network, System Mgmt and RMON from multiple vendors but very tightly integrated Single organization Single Server OS and NOS Network tuning according to documented instructions	Multiple jurisdictions/ organizations Multiple WANS Multiple Server OS Multiple NOS Works very independently Recommends changes Considers costs, timing and other factors Sets priorities Prototype Installation (plan & schedule) Version control - global picture High impact changes/installations Network, System Mgmt and RMON from multiple vendors; no integration; some Agency extensions Creative network tuning Acts independently		

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CONSTRUCTION (new) business analysis/research needs assessments business process modeling architecture design framework of communication system implementation vendor contracts/mgmt compatibility pathways/linkages	Assessment: does initial information gathering. Works on lower impact studies Common projects, (e.g., new drop, new Server releases) Known construction (no modeling) Implements part of a plan that's already established (uses checklist) As member of team installs new DBMS release new Server OS system Mgmt agents local Network Directory Highly Standardized environment (e.g., mostly Token Rings, mostly Ethernet, or Network, System Mgmt, and RMON software all from a single vendor) Works with vendors Closely Supervised guided by precedents	Business Analysis Introduces technology new to the agency Bigger or less common projects (e.g., new floor subnet, installs network directory; Firewall software; Hub Server and DBMS; Gateway; and router/hub software releases) Build implementation plan Usually one vendor only Negotiates cross-agency cooperation Varied environment - mixed devices Assesses minor compatibilities (e.g., Building wiring - Can the connectors handle hooking token ring to Ethernet, with minor adjustments). Chooses vendors from existing contracts Acts independently	Business process modeling Introduces innovative technology to the State Big or unusual projects (e.g., WAN, installs that require solving problems new to Agency) Build implementation plan Multiple Vendors Cross agencies Multiple Jurisdictions Significant compatibility issues on major projects. (e.g., Token Ring to Fast Ethernet. Will wiring work? Can the network handle it?) Codes extensions to System Mgmt/Network software; Firewall software Sets specifications for bids and chooses vendor	
PLANNING (strategic) resource utilization disaster planning traffic volume-system performance acquisition strategy new technologies wiring standards communications software standards compatibility security cost benefit analysis	 Acquisition Strategy Test new software releases - Server OS - Server program products Client packages Technology new to agency/ division Security standards for agency Disaster Recovery = redundant systems - How long can it be down? Impact - Variety or complexity of technology being planned for Who does it affect Single vendor solution to most issues suffices Write single-site project plan for small, homogeneous project team 	Select, test with existing systems, and evaluate for adoption: -Server program products - Client packages: Technology new to state Public impact if communications exceed capacity Security - Public Access - Dial in Write multi-site project plan for project team with varied skills Single vendor solution to system issues (OS, protocol, mail, DBMS); but multi-vendor integration of program products needed	Select, test with existing systems, and evaluate for adoption: OS, NOS -protocols, Gateways -systems mgmt software Technology new to industry Security - Internet Multi-vendor system integration solutions needed - multiple vendor OS/NOS - multiple protocols - multiple mail transports - multiple DBMS vendors write multi-site, multi-platform project plan for heterogeneous project team	

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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE (help use and fix) diagnose user problems user questions coordinate solutions track and report problems test new features user training on specific software and reporting tools	Common user questions from internal employees Narrow scope or isolated incidents Standardized environment Resolves problem by explaining how to use software Informal Training - one-on-one Test new features	New/Unique error messages Problems affect the entire agency Variety of Applications & Operating Systems Resolves problem by fixing software Conduct formal training (classroom, certification)	System crash Problems affect all State agencies Criticality of system Time critical system Revenue being tracked or lost Regulatory requirements not being met Public safety issues involved Develop & prepare formal training (classroom, certification)	
OPERATIONS (day-to-day) installation version compatibility version control system performance	Install established software Precedents available Standardized environment w/few version issues Complexity of S/W and its impact on users no/little impact on other software Monitor work load and work flow (scheduling, resource use) Recognize problems Basic diagnostics	Install software/technology new to agency Modifying software to make versions compatible Software impacts other software Coordinate changes with other systems./users Analyze work load and work flow (scheduling, resource use) Analyze performance Resolve problems Contact vendors regarding problems	Installing software/technology new to industry Coordination and implementation is complex Major impact to other systems Multiple sites/branches distributed needs within agency. wide dispersal Multiple agencies/entities in work flow performance problems affect multiple vendors/agencies coordinate solutions resolve resource competition issues	

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CONSTRUCTION (new) - business analysis/research - needs assessment - business process modeling - documentation - architecture - program development - evaluate vendor software - modify software - interfaces - vendor contracts/mgmt	Automating a current business process Small or established project with standards and precedents Sections of large system Minimal coordination; works with single user group No or few version/compatibility considerations Interfaces: Similar users Established security Similar hardware Questions to Vendors Business is static or slow to change	Automating a new business process Broader Section on Large Systems Coordinates (Not much dissention) Version compatibility issues - consider & identify Assess performance issues for current project Interfaces: - Variety of users - Security changes - Dial in users Variety of hardware - Evaluate vendors (more options) - Business has moderate level of change	Changing/re-engineering a business process Unusual/New Businesses No agency precedents System Architect High level of coordination Conflicting needs/conflicting resolutions Version Problems Integrate new versions/new software Performance of overall system Interfaces: Communication with outside parties, companies, fed, county, agencies Send and exchange information Wide variety of hardware Security Issues Select from multiple vendors Recommendations including cost, performance factors Dynamic business - rapid change	
PLANNING (Strategic) resource utilization disaster planning change control management evaluate new products new technologies compatibility security cost benefit analysis	Standardized environment Similar users and hardware Security internal users Disaster Planning stand-alone system (no dependencies) Evaluation of products new to agency	Variety of applications and operating systems Variety of users and hardware Security external users (other agencies) interaction with other software and hardware Disaster Planning legal mandates for processing other entities relying on your operations Evaluation of products new to the state or industry	Distributed needs within agency Multiple agencies in work flow Competition for resources Communication with outside parties, companies, fed, county, agencies Send and exchange information Security public access dial-in access Evaluation of new approaches and new directions	Need for integrating multiple systems from multiple organizations (State, County, Federal, private) Select; test with existing systems; evaluate for adoption: technology new to industry Write inter-governmental, multiplatform project plan for multiple heterogeneous project teams

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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE (help use and fix) diagnose user problems user questions equipment problems coordinate solutions track and report problems training on use of hardware disaster recovery repair and replacement	Areas of Responsibility: Do on the phone Basic Diagnostic Eliminate Possibilities Determine who gets Referral Start Documentation Use history to assess problem Simple, 'plug-in' replacements Product Mix: One Building/location Highly standardized Established system/minimal expansion	Areas of Responsibility: On-site Evaluation Analyze error codes/diagnostic messages trace/analysis tools physical repair Vendor contacts (questions) External contacts (Vendors, phone companies., etc.) Conduct training (on Hardware) Replace cards Product Mix: Remote location + no established backbone + create the connections (responsible for Communication Hardware) Mixed Environment (Multiple Standards) Moderate Expansion/Change	Areas of Responsibility: Physical repair - soldering, cabling Multiple Vendor Issues Coordinate problem solving with other IS Staff Product Mix: Multiple Remote locations Mixed Environment Massive expansion/change Customer base includes multiple jurisdictions - support their HW	
OPERATIONS (day-to-day) inventory management installation high volume report production high volume report distribution order processing	Product Mix: One Building/location Highly standardized Established system/minimal expansion Simple memory upgrades Order Processing on contract direct replacement	Product Mix: Remote location note that is a content of the processing Mixed Environment (Multiple Standards) Moderate Expansion/Change Major Upgrades (e.g., 486 to Pentium) Order Processing Request for Proposal new item not on contract	Product Mix: Multiple Remote locations Mixed Environment Massive expansion/change System Upgrades and migrations Order Processing Request for Proposal new item not on contract Customer base includes multiple jurisdictions - support their HW	

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CONSTRUCTION (new) - business analysis/research - evaluate and recommend options - negotiate with vendors - vendor contracts/mgmt	Product Mix: One Building/location Highly standardized Established system/minimal expansion Simple memory upgrades	Product Mix: Remote location + no established backbone + create connection (responsible for Communication Hardware) Mixed Environment (Multiple Standards) Moderate Expansion/Change Major Upgrades (e.g., 486 to Pentium)	Product Mix: Multiple Remote locations Mixed Environment Massive expansion/change System Upgrades and migrations Customer base includes multiple jurisdictions - consider their HW	
PLANNING (Strategic) resource utilization disaster planning new technologies acquisition planning volume/capacity plan system features-attributes configuration compatibility security cost benefit analysis performance analysis	Product Mix: One Building/location Highly standardized Established system/minimal expansion Test new HW releases	Product Mix: Remote location note: no established backbone note: create connection (responsible for Communication Hardware) Mixed Environment (Multiple Standards) Moderate Expansion/Change	Product Mix: Multiple Remote locations Mixed Environment Massive expansion/change Customer base includes multiple jurisdictions - plan for their HW	

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CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE (help use and fix) data analysis user ad-hoc reporting user support areas reports/extract information	Work over Phone Common user questions from internal employees Performs problem analysis, troubleshooting Single environment Tests features	Problem referral from IS staff, not direct user contact Problems affect entire agency Training users, formal and informal Contact vendor to solve problems Mixed environment Sharing data with other entities	Problems affecting State Conflict resolution Mission critical problems /data Mixed environment of data base management systems Distributed data	
OPERATIONS (day-to-day) data protection version control version compatibility data quality control back-up data base performance monitoring, tuning	Single Data base (central) Security covered by other operational functions Internal Users with Limited Access Program Control (Database takes anything program sends it) Timed back up of entire file. Monitors, identifies performance problems and issues.	Multiple Data bases (central) Not distributed-no need to interact. Security covered by other operational functions Internal Power Users - Strong Tools Database definitions and program Control Conflicting Instructions DB defines values/compatibility with other programs Maintain data dictionary journalize - track changes (who, what) Detailed Recovery Diagnose and Tune Problems/ Issues Manages physical storage	Relational Databases as well as VSAM File Distributed Databases Multiple Databases Data Level Security External Users (Feds, Counties) w/update access Relational Integrity Constraints Linked Tables Consistency Redundant system - Fault Tolerant Makes recommendations on performance tuning, considering cost specifications organization policies on expansion	

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FUNCTION	COMPLEXITY LEVEL 1	COMPLEXITY LEVEL 2	COMPLEXITY LEVEL 3	COMPLEXITY LEVEL 4
CONSTRUCTION (new) - business analysis/research - design & create - modeling data - documentation - vendor contracts/mgmt - inventory - data dictionary	Uses established standards for database questions Single table at a time Build tables separately and then tie together (maybe) Contact vendors to ask questions Use in-house consultants	Establishes standards and precedents Plans a set of tables for an application Decides which data goes in which table Uses data dictionary Contact vendors to ask questions	Major change in Technology	New technology to the State Decides what tools to use Sets data standards Consensus decision authority Metadata (dictionary) Approves design changes Sets documentation policies & procedures Vendor selection/assessment RFP writing, evaluation Distributed data - remote input & manipulation Mixed environment of database management systems
PLANNING (Strategic) - enterprise modeling - data storage - change control management - security - compatibility - disaster planning - volume/capacity - data base performance monitoring - resource utilization - cost benefit analysis	Apply data base management standards Evaluate & recommend DBMS software and system support tools Monitor data usage and determine maintenance requirements Media management - Apply resource allocation standards	Monitor and tune performance Implement data security measures Identify opportunities where the data resource could provide better benefit to the organization Broad business perspective Conceptual and logical data modeling Enterprise modeling evaluate & recommend new platforms, DBMS, application systems and utilities	Establish & enforce metadata standards Decide issues of data sharing, location, usage, security, integrity, flexibility Recommend changes in business operations to better exploit the data resource Review & approve logical data models and physical design standards Select DBMS tools conduct training in modeling and design Decide resource allocation Verification of data integrity	